

## Maryland Regulation Summary for Seafood Dealers 2015

### Maryland Crabs

#### Size:

Male Hard Crabs	Soft Crabs	Peelers
Bay -(males) -4/1- 7/14: 5" -7/15 – 12/15: 5 ¼" Atlantic- 5" males	-3 ½"	-3 ½" (females & males 7/15 – 12/15) -3 ¼" (males 4/1-7/14)

#### Season:

Bay – 4/1 – 12/15

Atlantic – 4/1 – 10/31

### Striped Bass

Seasons: Bay - pound net, haul seine, & H&L - 6/1 – 11/30; gill net – 12/1/14 -2/28/15

Atlantic - all gears is 11/1 – 4/30

Sizes: Bay - Min. 18" & Max. 36" Atlantic - Min. 24"

#### Tag Colors:

**MA:** Green

**NY:** Orange

**DE:** Weigh Station – Yellow; H&L – Orange; Gill Net (GN) – Blue

**MD:** Common Pool – Black; ITQ – Orange; Atlantic – White

**PRFC:** Pound Net - Red; GN – White; H&L - Blue; Haul Seine – Black; Fyke Net – Black

**VA:** Bay – Green; Coast – Orange

**NC:** Atlantic – White; Central – Green; Albemarle Sound – Blue

### Oysters

Season: All gears except dredge: 10/1 – 3/31; Dredge: 11/1 – 3/31

Sizes: 3" for wild caught and aquaculture oysters (submerged lease 10/1-3/31); 2" for aquaculture oysters (submerged lease 4/1 – 9/30 and water column lease year round)

\*Each bushel of oysters should be tagged with the appropriate wild fishery tag or aquaculture tag.

### Open Fishing Seasons (Most Commonly Sold Fish)

Yellow Perch: 1/1 – 3/31 (permitted fishery – season subject to change)

Summer Flounder: 1/1 – 12/31 (permitted fishery – season subject to change)

Black Sea Bass: 1/1 – 12/31 (permitted fishery – season subject to change)

Spiny Dogfish: 5/1 – 4/30 (permitted fishery – season subject to change)

Tautog: 1/1 – 11/26

Spanish Mackerel: No closure

Red Drum: No closure

Black Drum: Not open in Bay, No closure Atlantic

Croaker: January 1- March 15

Catfish: No closure

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